GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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INTERNATIONAL PRICE OF CRUDE OIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Saudi Arabia has increased the output of crude oil since July, 2000 which has affected the price of crude oil in the international market ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which it has affected the international price; and

(c) the impact of it on the Oil Pool Account ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 343 for 17.8.2000 regarding International price of Crude Oil.

(a) & (b) : OPEChad declared on 21st June , 2000 to increase their combined production by 708,000 barrels per day over the then existing production of 24.69 million barrels per day. There is no confirmed information about Saudi Arabia increasing its production over and above this.

(c) : The oil pool account position depends on materialisation of consumption of controlled products against estimated demand, fluctuations in the international prices of crude oil and petroleum products compensation payable to indigenous crude oil producers, variations in the exchange rate and domestic prices of controlled petroleum products. It is not possible to establish a direct relationship between the oil production level of any country and our oil pool account.